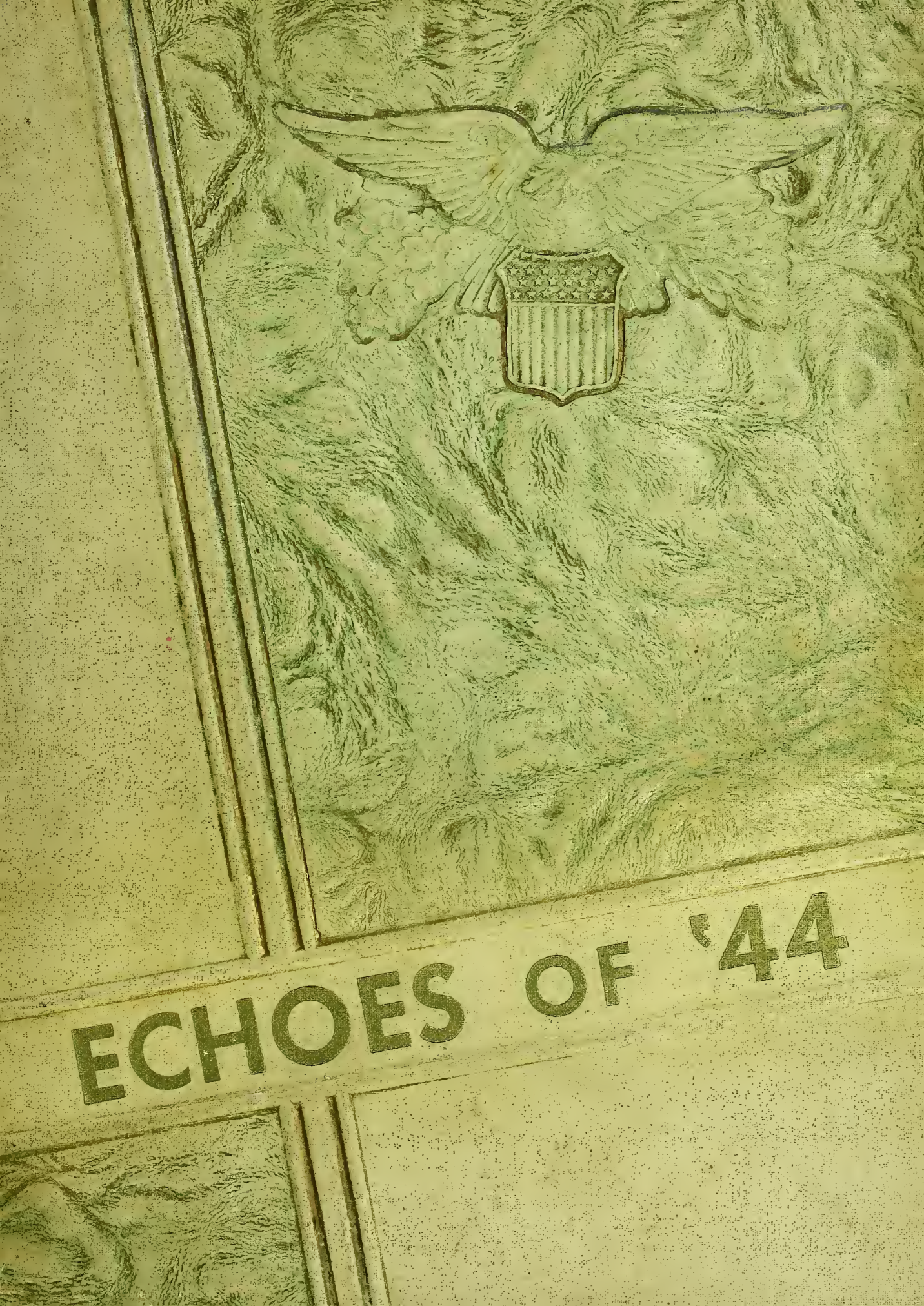
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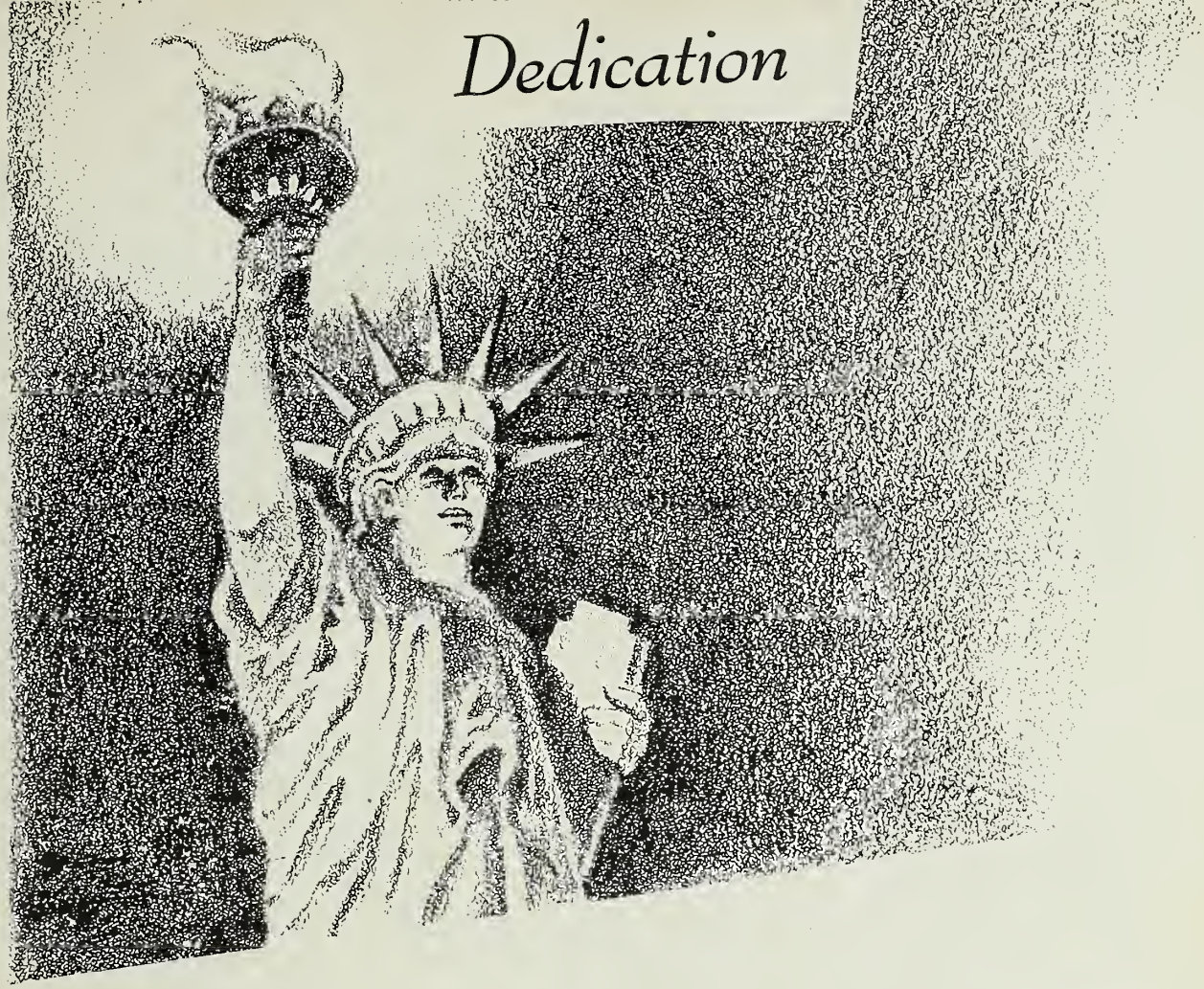
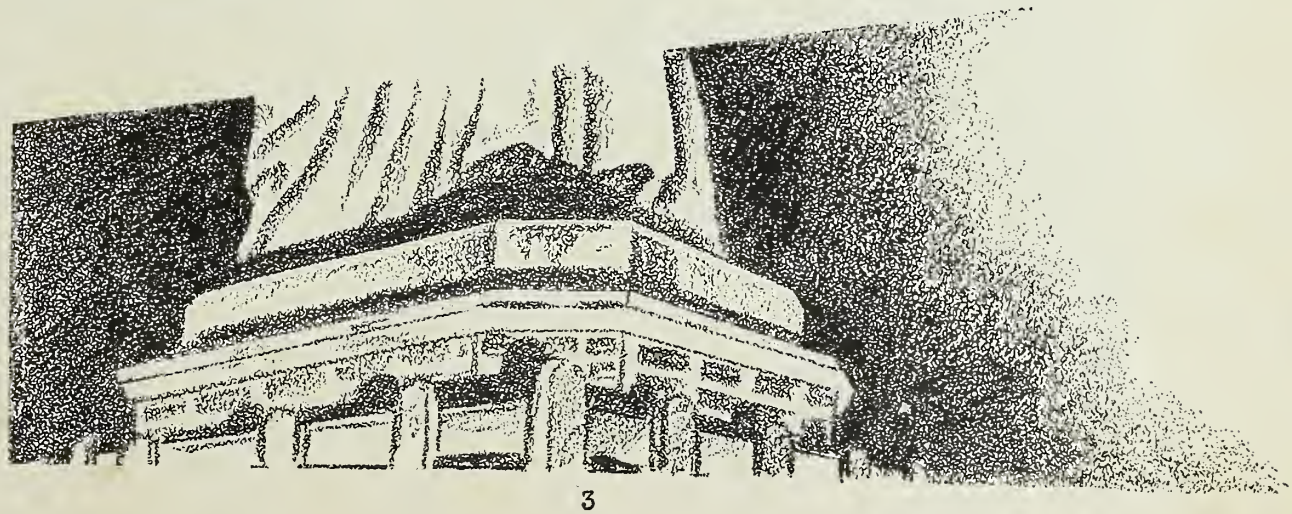


This year, we yumbly dedicate the Echoes of '44 to the former-Wendell High School Students who are in our country's armed forces--those boys, and girls, too, who are offering their lives that our American way of life may be preserved. Wherever you are--in the Army, Navy, Air Corps, Marines, Waacs, and Waves--We Salute You.



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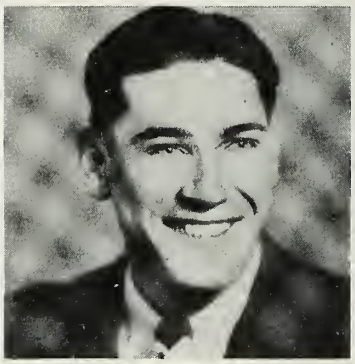

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Agriculture

Mrs. L. C. Murphy
Home Economics

Lava Howard
English

Gladys Baker
Typing
English

CLASSES

ROAD TO SUCCESS

For him who always does his best,
His best will better grow.
But he who shirks his task,
He lets the better go.

What if your lesson should be hard,
You need not yield to sorrow.
For him who bravely works today,
His task grows lighter tomorrow.

Then when comes the days of test,
Some will meet with fear.
But for him who does his best,
He has knowledge and it is clear.

After your school days are done,
If you have done your best,
Then living will be fun,
And you're on the road to success.

Clifford Horton

SENIOR CLASS *of* '4

President----------Bessie Mae Buchanan
Vice President----------Keith Creech
Secretary----------Elizabeth Dean
Treasurer----------William Coley
Reporter----------Alene Knott
Historian---------- Jacqueline Johnson
Testator----------Jacquelyn Painter
Giftorian----------Dot O'Neal
Prophet----------Alene Knott

Colors	Flower
Red, White, and Blue	Rose

Motto: Let us strive and work to preserve the freedom of our great and glorious country.

Class Poem

We Seniors have worked for eleven years,
To achieve this goal we sought;
And though our lessons at times seemed hard,
We learned what we were taught.

You students are the Seniors of tomorrow;
Never let a lesson go by
That you in your good mind and health
Do not at least give one try.

We'll think of each other in later years
As we go about our work,
Hoping that each Senior here
His job will never shirk.

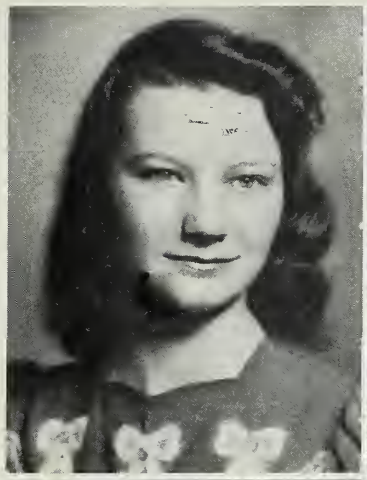
We are the Seniors of fourty-four.
Who will be glad to lend a hand
To any pupil of Wendell High
As gladly as any in our land.

We are the parents of tomorrow,
The doctors, lawyers, teachers.
We hope that the world will find
Us to be likeable creatures.

Dorothy Hinnant

Seniors

Bessie Mae Buchanan
President, Senior Class; Honor Soc.; Senior Play; Beta Club; Basketball.



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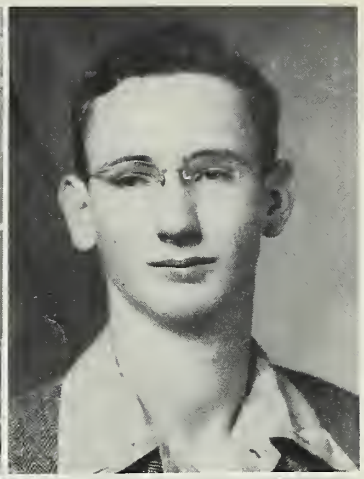
Vice President, Senior Class; F. F. A.

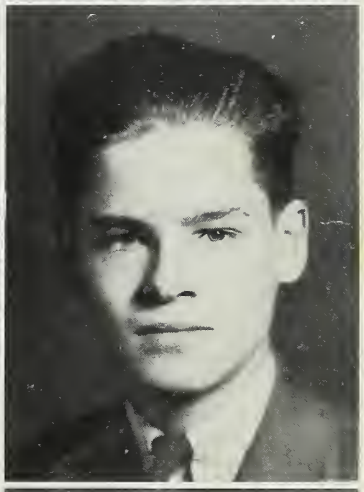


Elizabeth Dean
Secretary Senior Class; Senior Play; Beta Club; Basketball.

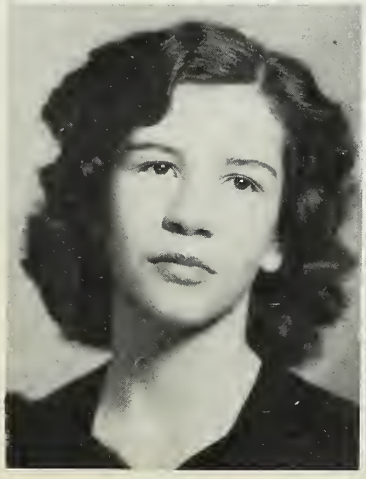
William Coley
Treasurer Senior Class; Beta Club; Band.

Alene Knott
Reporter Senior Class; Band; Senior Play; Senior Class Prophet; Recitation; Home Ec. Club.

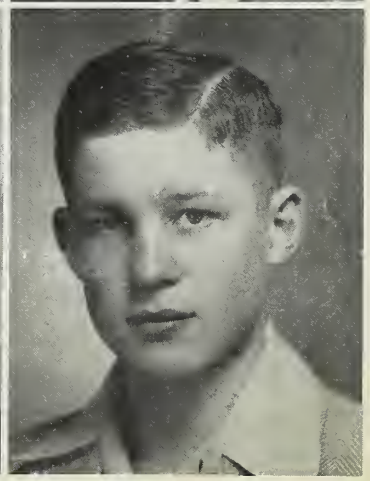
Clifford Horton
Editor-in-chief of Annual; Nat. Hon. Soc.; Beta Club; Usher '44.



Frances Collie
Beta Club President; National Hon Soc.; Home Ec. Club; Senior Play.



Roscoe Arnold
Vocational Agriculture.



Seniors

Jimmy Buchanan
Senior Play; Annual Staff; Band; F. F. A. Reporter.

Christine Dean
Home Economics Club; Recitation Contest; Senior Class Usher.

Edna Earl Doans

Geraldine Gay
National Honor Society; Annual Staff; Basketball; Home Economic Club.

Dorothy Hinnant
National Honor Society; Beta Club; Editor of School News; Home Ec. Club; Annual Staff.

Joe Henderson
Football; Band; Basketball; Baseball.

Truett Horton
President, Junior Class; F. F. A; Safety Patrol; F . F. A. Reporter.

Jacqueline Johnson
Home Economics Club; Senior Historian.

Seniors

Cleo Liles
Home Economics Club; Senior Play; Junior Usher.

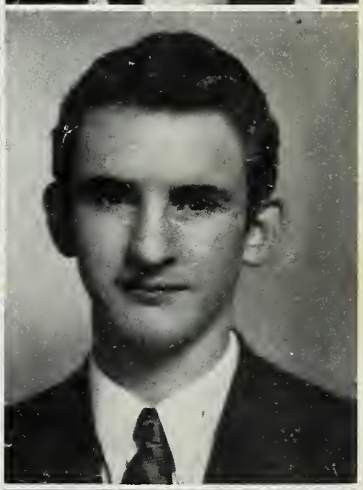
Nellie Lovelace
Home Economics Club; Senior Play.

Eleanor Martin
Home Economics Club; Annual Staff.

Dot O'Neal
Senior Play; Giftorian; Basketball; Home Economics Club.

Jacquelyn Painter
Home Economics Club, Reporter; Last Will and Testament.

Brooks Rodgers
Senior Play; Associate Editor of School News; Basketball; Annual Staff.



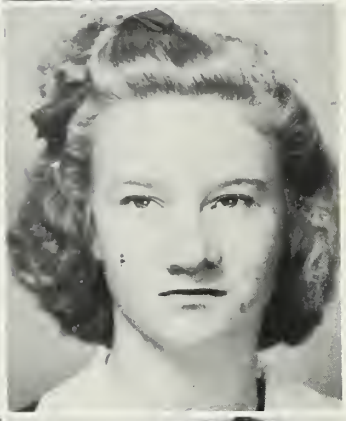
Florence Pleasants
Basketball; Home Economics Club; Class Treasurer; Annual Staff.

Griffin Scarborough
Senior Play; Football.

Seniors

Alvin Johnson
F. F. A. President; Senior Play; Agriculture

Helen Hinnant
Home Economics Club; 4-H Club.



Louise Hinnant
Home Economics Club; Junior Basketball.

Rachel Hocutt
Home Economics Club; 4-H Club.

Virginia Johnson
Secretary and Treasurer of the Home Economics Club.

Eula Medlin
Home Economics Club.

Ethell Strickland
Home Economics Club; Senior Class Usher.

O. K. Strickland
Vice President of the F. F. A.

Grade Mothers

Mrs. J. S. Buchanan

Mrs. G. H. Scarborough

Mrs. W. C. Coley

Mrs. H. O. Hinnant

Mascots

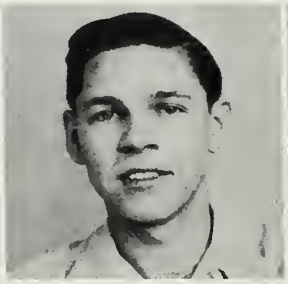
Betsy Ann Dean

Walter Avery Scarboro

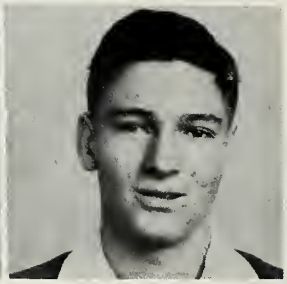
Juniors

Britt
President

Swanson
Vice-President



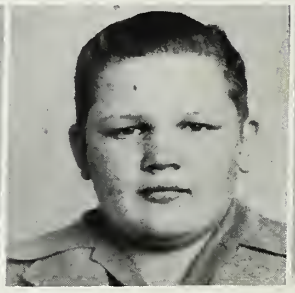
Nowell
Secretary



Bridgers
Treasurer

Scarborough
Reporter

Brewer



Arnold

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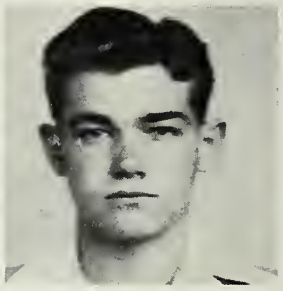
Hocutt

Faison

Horton



Hawkins

Barham

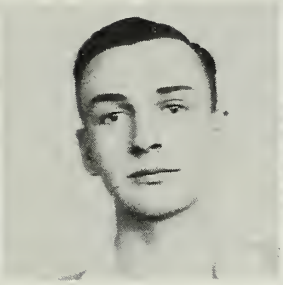
Painter

Honeycutt

Pittman

Juniors

Phillips



Jeffreys

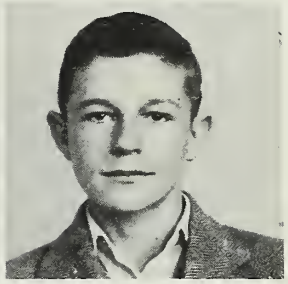
May

Land

Medlin

Phipps

Richardson



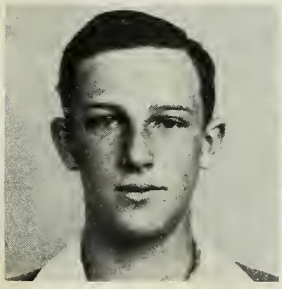
Strickland

Richardson

Winston

Yancey

Robertson



Wootton

Strickland

Eva Todd
Hattie Dean
William McBroom
Earle Richardson

Freshmen

Bridgers

Bruch

Andrews

Cash

Currin

Eason

Cash

Eudy

Dennis

Horton

Knott

Johnson

Liles

Marshbourn

Joseph

McBroom

Nowell

Liles

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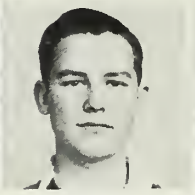
Dean

Eason

Wade


Painter

Strickland

Wall

Joseph
Phipps
Richardson

Eighth Grade

Lula Yeargin
Martha Jones
Everette Alford
Charles Blalock
Elaine Byrd
Margaret Clark
Martha Jane Cockrell
Janet Dean
Frances Dennis
Catherine Garner
Lavonda Hopson
June Liles
Dorris Marshburn
Katherine Painter
Virginia Painter
Jewell Richardson
Mattie Scarboro
Vivian Wood
Rose Yancey

Bob Brame
Ted Creech
Arthur Graves
Herbert Henderson
Homer Horton
Weldon May
Wayne Mitchell
James Nichols
Jerry O'Neal
Marvin Pearce
Walter Painter
Roy Phipps
Hubert Pittman
Marvin Pleasant
Bill Prince
Royce Richardson
Harold Scarboro
Williard Scarboro
Lindsay Underhill

James Richardson

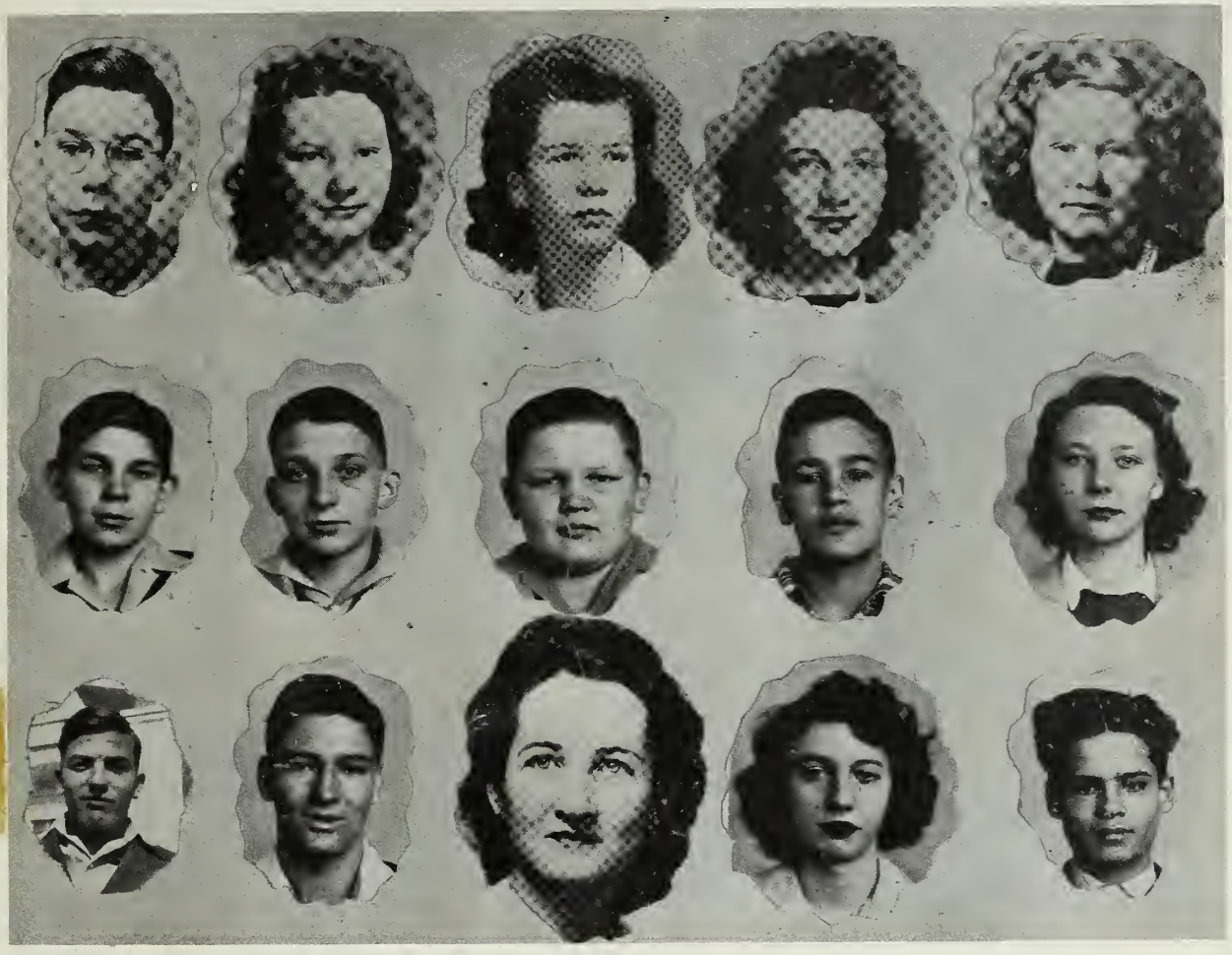
ORGANIZATIONS

YOU'RE A GRAND OLD SCHOOL
(Tune: "You're A grand old Flag)

You're a grand old school
and we owe it to you,
To make good and be true
to your name
You're the emblem of the
school we love,
Of good times, and hard times,
of fame.
Every heart swells high
when we go passing by,
And we think how proud we are.
Should old acquaintance
be forgot,
Keep your eye on that grand
old name.

Alene Knott

The Beta Club



Frances Collie, President

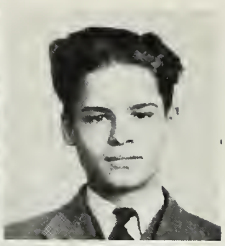
William Coley, Vice President

Elizabeth Dean, Treasurer

Bessie Mae Buchanan, Secretary

Dorothy Hinnant, Program Chairman

Bobby Land
Billy Faison
Rachel Britt
Thurston Arnold
Mary Lou Hocutt
Clifford Horton
Earle Richardson
John Eli Winston
David Lawrence Bridgers



Geraldine Gay
Dorothy Hinnant
Bessie Mae Buchanan

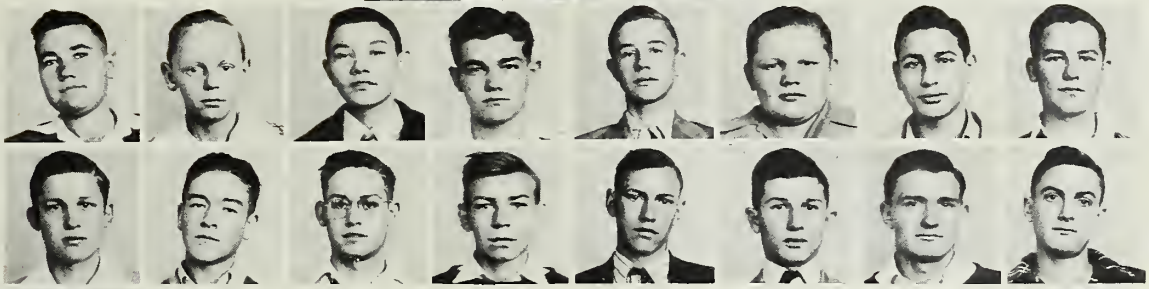
Frances Collie
Clifford Horton
L. C. Murphy, Sponsor

Band

Bob Brame
James Cash
Charles Doans
Joe Henderson
James Nichols
Carl F. Renfro
Hortense Bridgers

Ted Creech
John Winston
William Coley
Marvin Pearce
Wayne Mitchell
Royce Richardson
David L. Bridgers

Band Director, Marsh Knott



FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Carl Andrews
Roscoe Arnold
W. M. Barham
James Cash
David Currin
Robert Dean
Claude Dennis
Elisha Eason
Williard Hawkins
Aaron Johnson
Joe Bill Richardson
Clarence Roberts
Marshall Strickland

George Joseph
Joe Joseph
Randolph Jeffreys
Charles Knott
Fred Liles
William McBroom
Don O'Neal
Selwyn Phipps
Wyatt Painter
Carl F. Renfro
Bill Wiggs
Jimmy Wootton
Miles Dean-Watch Dog

Alvin Johnson-President
Thurston Arnold-Secretary
Truett Horton-Reporter

O.K. Strickland-Vice Pres.
John Winston-Treasurer
Sponsor-Duke Ellington

Home Economics Club

President
Fanny Grace Phillips

Elmarie Brewer
Hortense Bridgers
Hilda Bruch
Edna Earle Cash
Virginia Eason
Rudine Hocutt
Virginia Johnson

Sponsor
Mrs. L. C. Murphy

Frances White

Mary Elizabeth May
Mary Nowell
Barbara Painter
Mafrey Richardson
Corrina Robertson
Eva Todd
Etheline Wade

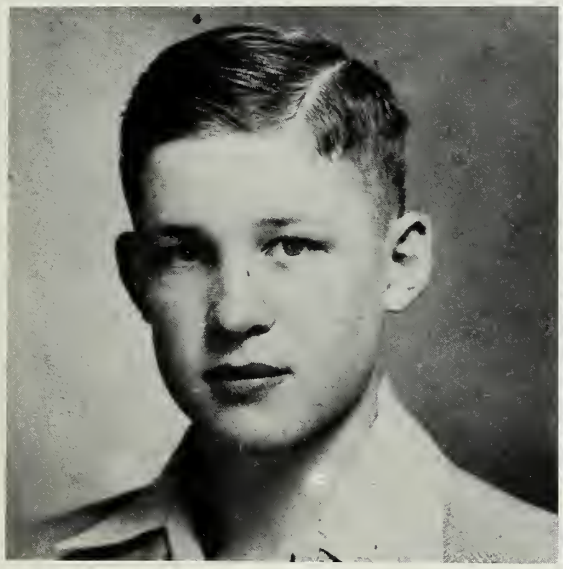
FEATURES

INTO THE WORLD
(Tune: "Air Corps Song)

Out we go into the world
before us,
Feeling wise and very brave.
Out we go into the world
before us,
For success and not the grave.
We think of those who have
prepared us for it,
With high pride and full of
good cheer.
For we live in fame and
Our school will go down in name,
For nothing will change the dear
old school fame.

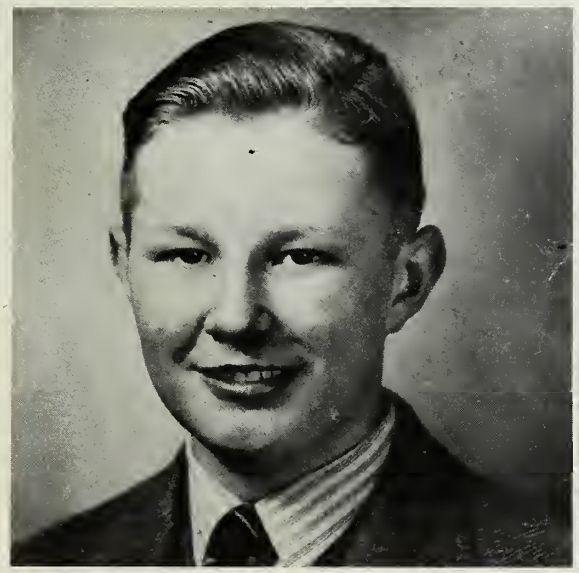
Alene Knott

Superlatives



Handsome-Roscoe Arnold

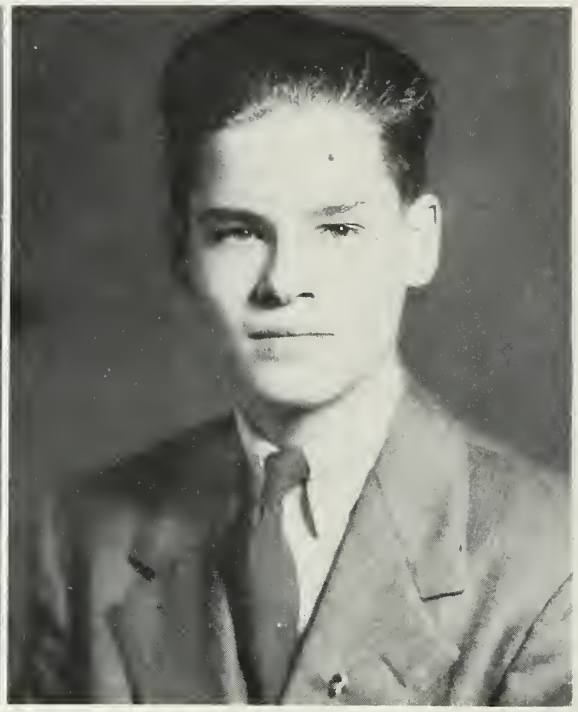
Versatility-Florence Pleasants



Originality-Jimmy Buchanan

Popularity-Truett Horton

Beauty-Cleo Liles



Intelligence-Clifford Horton

Success-Frances Collie

Sportsmanship-Geraldine Gay

Class History

In the fall of 1932, a group of green and timid, but eager pupils entered Wendell School. These children, little realizing it, had eleven busy but happy years before them. We might think of these years as rungs on a ladder. Miss Eva Perkins and Mrs. Gladys Griffin were given a rather difficult task of teaching us our A, B, C's and how to read "sentences." We were one step farther advanced when we learned to add and subtract with the aid of Miss Helen Wooton and Mrs. W. C. Stott. Under the supervision of Mrs. Ethel Johnson and Mrs. Maggie Hester we learned our multiplication tables, or rather some of us did.

Thus leaving the primary department, we entered the fourth grade under the guidance of Miss Myrtle Bailey and Mrs. W. B. Callihan, where we had our first, but not last geography and history lessons, for Miss Marjorie Richardson, Miss Helen Bullock, Mrs. Carl Ousley, Miss Lessie Richardson and Miss Gladys Baker had the opportunity, I will not say pleasure, of teaching these subjects also. We cannot pass our grammar grades without mentioning Miss Eura Jernigon, our English and much dreaded European history teacher.

With a big year ahead of us we thought our knowledge great enough to become Freshmen, and so we started our first year of high school under the faithful captains, Miss Mary Elizabeth York and Mr. L. C. Murphy, our home room teachers. We began studying Algebra for the first time under Mr. Murphy. Mr. Knott, Mr. Williams, and to those who studied foreign language, Miss Howard, contributed their part to the eighth rung of our ladder.

In our Sophomore year we had as our home room teachers, Mrs. B.C. Willians and Mr. J. B. Evans.

As Juniors, we consider ourselves fortunate in having Mrs. E. T. Boyette as our home room teacher and adviser. It was at this rung that we attended our first Junior-Senior Banquet.

We have been prepared for various careers; in music, under the direction of H. T. McDuffie and Marsh Knott; chemistry, under J. B. Evans, Miss Pauline Hardwicke and Mrs. Leslie Braudwell; home making, under Miss York, Miss Norma Lee Dawson and Mrs. M. M. Veasey; Bruce Butler and E. D. Ellington prepared the boys to build their houses and till the soil; Mr. Boyette taught us every angle of the business world; Miss Baker made of us Grade A typists and Miss Howard taught us English grammar we shall never forget.

As Seniors we had as our faithful and well-loved teacher, Miss Lava Howard. Through our cooperation with her we made a big success of our annual Halloween Carnival and the Senior Play, "Aunt Susie Shoots the Works."

And now our climb of the school ladder is over, but our learning has just begun. We have lost and gained members as we climbed the eleven rungs. We realize now that age is wiser than youth and when our teachers corrected us, they were being helpful.

Jacqueline Johnson

Class Prophecy

I was taking a stroll through the woods one lovely afternoon when before me appeared several tents. I stopped suddenly and began to wonder if I had lost my way when someone came up behind me and spoke. I turned quickly to find a very pretty gypsy girl standing directly behind me. She was wearing a brightly colored dress which came down to her ankles, and many rings, bracelets, and necklaces. She asked me if I would like to meet the remainder of the tribe.

After I had met the tribe, one of the older gypsy women asked me if there were anything I would like to know about the future. I thought for a moment and then replied that I would like to know what my classmates would be doing. She stirred up her cup of tea leaves and began to whisper, "The years are passing; three, six, nine--ten years from now I see:

Roscoe Arnold is representing our dear old North State as a Senator in Congress and is making some very helpful suggestions which are approved by all.

Jimmy Buchanan has taken over his father's business, which is booming now that the war is over and the gas and tire rationing ceased.

William Coley has bought the Wendell Theatre and it has become nationally known since he has enlarged it and has famous stars, in person, playing there quite often.

Bessie Mae Buchanan is the best-loved of the feminine stars playing in the new Wendell Theatre and there is a very beautiful diamond sparkling on the third finger of her left hand. I wonder who the lucky man is.

Not wishing to be away from Bessie Mae, Elizabeth Dean helps her to dress between acts, and occasionally, she gets to play in humorous scenes.

Bobby Coley is a druggist in the old home town, and evidently, he owns the drug store for on the sign in front is plainly written, "Bob's Drug Co."

Keith Creech is a radio announcer on station A. R. W.(Always Ready Wendell). His hours begin at 6:30 A. M., for quite a while, and he has never been late to work.

The Greyhound Bus Company considers Miles Dean one of their best drivers. He drives a bus from Wilmington to Raleigh.

Helen Hinnant, now Mrs. Bennie Johnson, is very happy living on the farm with her husband and three children.

Joe Henderson has proved such a tremendous asset to Wendell Standard Station that it has grown to twice its 1944 capacity.

Christine Dean is happily married to that certain Navy boy. They own their little home near Zebulon.

Frances Collie and her husband, the pastor of a small town church, are carrying on wonderful work in their community.

Class Prophecy

Eleanor Martin decided to be a career woman after all and is doing well selling ladies' lingerie.

Virginia Johnson is considered the best beautician in Wendell, and is known as "Permanent Jenny."

Alene Knott liked Clayton so well that she decided to make her home there, eliminating her many trips from Wendell to Clayton.

Clarence Roberts is a prominent Raleigh attorney, and is in great demand for settling divorce suits.

Edna Earle Doans married a Fort Bragg soldier who took her away to New York City at the close of the war. She is still trying to master the art of riding a subway to a desired destination.

Griffin Scarborough lives with his wife and four children in a nice little country home near Edgemont. His occupation is farming.

Dorothy Hinnant has begun a one-room school at Lizzord Lick, North Carolina, and there is absolutely no cheating done there, so the school is outstanding for the honesty of its students.

Cleo Liles is a model in one of the dress shops on Fifth Avenue, in New York.

Clifford Horton owns a jewelry store in Norfolk, Virginia, and only the wealthiest people go there.

Jacqueline Johnson decided to put on a white collar, and is now keeping books for the "Horton Jewelry Store."

Louise Hinnant is operator for the Bell Telephone Exchange in Raleigh. She comes home every week end and, believe it or not, she decided that an old maid's life was the best to live.

Rachel Hocutt is living near her father's home, with her husband in a beautiful little bungalow for two.

Brooks Rodgers, now "Sweetheart Crooner," has taken Frank Sinatra's place in the hearts of all the girls.

Geraldine Gay is no longer Miss Gay--a handsome gent saw to that when he changed her name a few years after graduation.

No longer does Florence Pleasant have to look towards the sky when she hears the roaring of an airplane motor, because she is now stewardess on a plane. As much as she likes her job, she is always happy to get her feet on ground again.

Ethell Strickland finally caught a man in Navy blue and is now traveling from port to port, watching and waiting for his ship to come in.

Jacquelyn Painter and her husband are in a florist business at Archer Lodge. Their specialties are daffodils and tulips.

Truett Horton has several Farmall tractors with which he is ever ready to serve his neighbors at a reasonable price. He is known as "Available Horton."

Orman Kelly Strickland, O. K. to us, is using his geometry in a big way. He is a well-known land surveyor.

Dot O'Neal has finally grown tired of night life and retires with the chickens on her husband's poultry farm.

Alvin Johnson's Transport Company is in much demand now that the war is over and so many people are moving here, there, and everywhere.

Eula Medlin went to Washington, D. C. on a pleasure trip and liked it so well that she remained there, and I believe she is now secretary to a member of the president's cabinet.

Charles Knott has become famous for his experimentations with livestock.

Nellie Lovelace married a boy from Wilmington and she spends all of her summers on the beach.

After learning all this about my classmates, I asked the old gypsy woman if she could tell me anything about our teacher, Miss Lava Howard. She told me that Miss Howard had at last married a man by the name of Jiggs, and she is now a model "Maggie" in her household.

The old gypsy then put away the cup of tea leaves and sent me on my way with the promise that she would tell me more about the future in time to come.

Alene Knott

Class Song
(Tune: God Bless America)

God bless old Wendell High,
School that we love;

As we leave her, we will love her,
Tho' for long weary miles we may rove.

We the Seniors of Wendell High School,
With the help of teachers dear,

Have finally reached the goal--
Commencement's here!

Have finally reached the goal--
Commencement's here!

Geraldine Gay

Last Will and Testament

We, the Senior Class of Wendell High School, in the town of Wendell, State of North Carolina, on this tenth day of May in the year 1944, being of a sound mind and generous disposition, and fully realizing that we, as a class, shall exist no more, but that the past is never dead, do hereby make and publish this, our last will and testament, all other wills other than this to be null and void.

To our Alma Mater we leave our best wishes, our loyal affection and all our hopes for a better Wendell High in the future years.

To Mr. Boyette, our principal, to Miss Howard, our sponser and loyal advisor, and to the faculty, for their untiring efforts in promoting our education, we will our love and undying respect with the hope that each succeeding class will be more worthy of praise than the last.

Dorothy Hinnant leaves her brilliance and ability to assimilate knowledge to Eva Todd and hopes this will leave Eva enough time for her extra curricular activities.

Dot O'Neal leaves her good rating in Typing to Elmarie Brewer.

Rachel Hocutt wishes her quietness to go to Mary Elizabeth May.

Cleo Liles leaves W. M. Barham some of her height and hopes he will grow up instead of spreading out.

Eleanor Martin wishes Mary Elizabeth Richardson would take a few of her extra pounds.

Bobby Coley wills his position in Brantley's Drug Store to Charles Wooten.

Brooks Rodgers leaves all of his girl friends to Roy Lee Medlin.

William Coley leaves his place at the theatre to William McBroom.

Florence Pleasants leaves her neatness and athlectic ability to Mafrey Richardson.

Nellie Lovelace leaves her irresponsibility to Rachel Britt.

O. K. Strickland wishes Thurston Arnold to have his secret of being small.

Christine Dean leaves her small feet to Aaron Johnson.

Roscoe Arnold leaves his laziness to Earle Richardson.

Alene Knott leaves her ability to look into the future to Billy Faison.

Bessie Mae Buchanan leaves her position of Class President to Sue Scarborough.

Elizabeth Dean wishes Mary Lou Hocutt would take her position as Secretary of the class and do the writing on the board.

Miles Dean leaves his position as truck driver to his brother, Robert.

Clarence Roberts wills to Mallie Honeycutt his position as bus driver.

Keith Creech wills to Randolph Jeffreys his nickname of "Bashy" although it does not fit Randolph.

Eula Medlin leaves her long walk to meet the bus to Curtis Strickland.

Jacqueline Johnson wants Miriam Strickland to take her running exercises to meet the bus every morning.

Clifford Horton leaves his position on the annual staff to Harold.

Truett Horton leaves Mary Sue Todd to anyone in the Junior Class who is lucky enough to get her.

Griffin Scarborough and Joe Henderson wish for David Lawrence Bridgers and Haywood Lee Swanson to have their secret of how to be happy at the first class meeting of the year.

Jimmy Buchanan leaves to Royce Nowell his ability to think up excuses when he needs one.

Ethell Strickland leaves that "Blue Convertible" to Fanny Grace Phillips and Corinna Robertson.

Geraldine Gay leaves her position on the annual staff to Ruth Haswell.

Helen Hinnant leaves her seat in Latin class to Barbara Painter.

Virginia Johnson leaves her loud manners to Joyce Yancy.

Alvin Johnson leaves to Willard Hawkins his position in the Senior Play.

Edna Earle Doans leaves her 5 feet to Hattie Dean.

Charles Knott leaves his promptness to Bobby Land.

To John Winston Louise Hinnant leaves her seat in Economics class.

Frances Collie leaves to Margaret Horton her artistic ability.

Jacquelyn Painter leaves her seat in Business Arithmetic class to anyone Mr. Boyette likes better.

AUTOGRAPHS

IT TICKLED ME--BUT NOT TO DEATH

Waiter: Say, you sure must like coffee--this is your fourth cup, isn't it?
Miss Howard: I certainly do like it--that's why I'm willing to drink so much hot water to get a little coffee.

The three Chinese sisters who aren't married are: Tu-Yung-Tu
Tu-Dumb-Tu
No-Yen-Tu

Rachel: Why don't you try to reduce?
Eleanor: Uncle Sam says save your fat.

Griffin, the guide, was showing Elizabeth through a boiler shop.
Elizabeth(pointing with a dainty parasol): What's that thing?
Griffin: That's an engine boiler.
Elizabeth: And why do they boil engines?
Griffin: To make the engine tender.

Well, Roscoe has finally married that terrible red-head. My my, what got into him? Buckshot!

Florence: I'd like to see the captain of this ship.
Sailor: He's forward, Miss.
Florence: That's alright. This is a pleasure trip.

Jimmy(who has eaten his apple): Let's play Adam and Eve.
Bessie Mae: How do you play that, Jimmy?
Jimmy: Well, you tempt me to eat your apple and I'll give in.

Miss Baker: What is a good definition of a gentleman?
Alene: A guy a girl doesn't know very well.

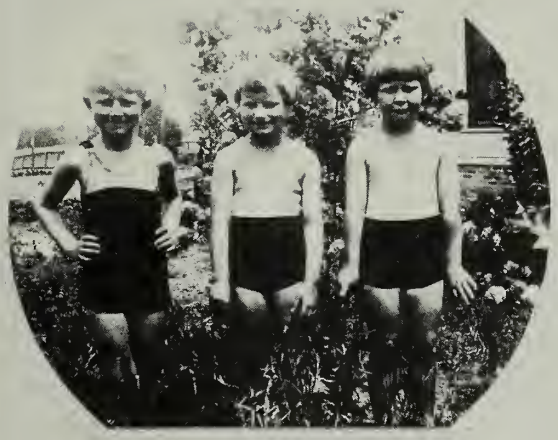
Clarence: Who was the girl I saw you out with last night?
Miles: I wasn't out, I was just dozing.

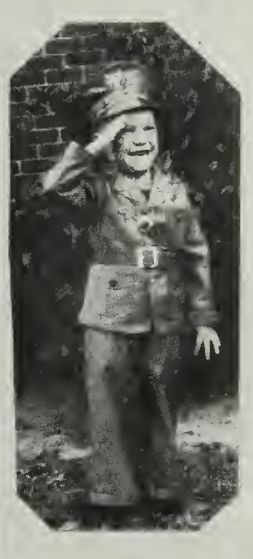
Wife: William, you haven't kissed me for three days.
Professor Coley: You don't say! Then whom have I been kissing?

Frances said that saccharin is made from coal, and when asked how it is done, she replied, without cracking a smile, "I don't know, I've never made any.

Truett: Say this darn car won't climb a hill! You said it was a fine machine.
Dealer: I said: "On the level, it's a good car."

Lasalle says, Dey's a heap o' dese folks ain' so moughty busy--dey jus' bin puttin' off sump'n.





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